

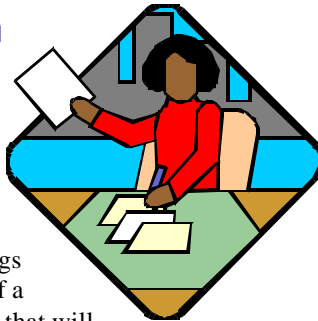
# The Pipeline

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## Don't Knock 'Em 'Til You've Tried 'Em

By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications



OK, we admit that at first glance they look like something that belongs in an operating room, or that fell off a spaceship. But the modular offices that will replace interior cubicles on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the CHR Building have virtues not obvious until you work in them.

More efficient space allowed Carol Turner, section supervisor in the CBS Operations Support Branch to eliminate the boxes stacked on the floor. "We realized how clean and spacious our new offices appeared," she says.

"I enjoy the extra desk space that the modular furniture provides. I work on numerous projects at the same time and I can move from one to the other without having to move paperwork."

Ron Kelien, Manager of CBS Operations Support Branch, takes pride in how the new offices look. "Before we moved to our new location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, we had a hodge-podge of office equipment," he says. "Employees would have four or five file cabinets, book cases, coat racks, etc. The office area looked cluttered and messy. None of this furniture matched. Now that we have modular office, our area is extremely neat, organized and pleasing to the eye. I am proud for visitors to walk through our branch."

Turner emphasizes that the modular offices do as much for morale as for efficiency.



"I was really tired of having dirty, broken furniture that did not match. I believe our attitude has a lot to do with our work surroundings, and once I moved into an office with completely new furniture, I felt more valued as an employee."

## Display to Spotlight Child Care, EBT Cards and Child Support

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications

Our cabinet has so many quality programs and agencies, we knew we couldn't highlight them all at our Kentucky State Fair exhibit. We decided on four of the most far-reaching to be the main elements of our display. Each will be complemented by an audio description of the program.

The first is the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA). We told you about ASFA's fair elements in last week's Pipeline.

Child support is another main element. Our display will feature a child's area with a large penny jar. Visiting children will be invited to take a penny from a basket and drop it in the jar. Adults will be reminded that children have a right to the financial support of both parents.

Food stamps and the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards will be spotlighted in the kitchen with a basket of food. It will remind guests that EBT cards can be used to purchase nutritious foods like fruit, fresh meats, even vegetable seeds.

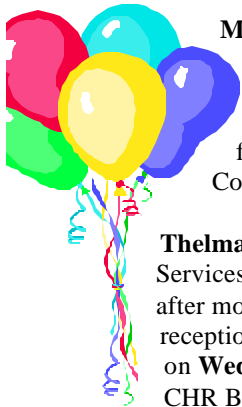
Quality child care is the final featured element. A child carrier will remind parents to make a careful choice when they select a caregiver for their children. They can pick up a checklist containing tips on what to look for in a good program.

The penny jar, food basket and child carrier will be offered in a prize drawing for visitors who complete a simple quiz card with questions about the display.

The fair is Aug. 17-27 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. See you there!



## Retirement Receptions



**Margaret Wells**, Department for Community Based Services, is retiring after 32 years of service. A retirement reception will be held in her honor on **Tuesday, July 25** from 2:30 – 4 p.m. in the DCBS Commissioner's Office (3W-A).

**Thelma Cornett**, Department for Community Based Services, Division of Policy Development is retiring after more than 31 years of service. A retirement reception will be held in her honor from 2 - 4 p.m. on **Wednesday, July 26** in the small room in the CHR Building cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend and wish Thelma well in her retirement. If you have questions, you may contact Shirley Eldridge, Joyce Metts or Joyce Lea at 564-7536.

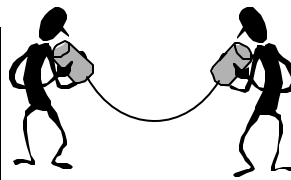
**Roberta Roach**, Division of Child Support, Technical Services Section, is retiring after 20 years of service in state government. A retirement reception will be held in her honor from 2 – 4 p.m. on **Thursday, July 27** in the first floor conference room at 730 Schenkel Lane. Everyone is invited to attend and wish Roberta well in her retirement. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Toy at 564-2285 ext. 4431.

There will be a retirement reception in honor of **Kay Kirkland**, Department for Medicaid Services, on **Friday, July 28** from 2 – 4 p.m. in the DMS Commissioner's Conference Room, 6W-A. RSVP by e-mail to Vonda Wallace or Cindy Watts.

**Jo Ann Schmitt**, Community Based Services, is retiring July 31. There will be a retirement reception held in her honor on **Friday, July 28** at 4 p.m. at the Office Pub and Deli, 614 Comanche Trail, Frankfort.

The Office of Inspector General, Division of Special Investigations, will be hosting a retirement reception for **Donald Nodler, Raymond Lovitt, and Sue Wood** on **Friday, July 28** at 2:30 p.m. in the CHR cafeteria. Don has worked for state and local government for 28 years. Ray has worked for state government for 16 years. Sue has worked for state government for 27 years.

**Raymond Hunt**, an Assistant Director with the Division of Financial Management, is retiring. A reception is being held in his honor on **Monday, July 31** at the far end of the CHR Cafeteria from 2– 4 p.m.



## Get Connected!

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC  
Communications

One goal of May's "Let's Talk" sessions was to get staff communicating so we'd understand others' jobs a little better and improve service to our clients. The Exchange Visits/Job Shadowing Team is helping CFC employees make those connections and establish better relationships within the cabinet.

Many field employees have already been paired with Quality Central employees. But many more are waiting for volunteers from Quality Central to complete their matches.

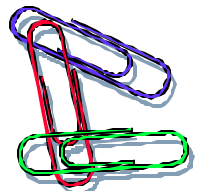
Would you like to learn more about what our field staff does?

Would you like to know more about how our agencies work together to help Kentucky families?

Once a connection is made between two employees, they can use e-mail and the telephone to become acquainted. In the process, they learn what makes their jobs unique. Eventually, "buddies" will visit face to face and spend a day shadowing each other.

To become part of these wonderful CONNECTIONS and make a new "buddy" in state government, e-mail Wilma Morris at [Wilma.Morris@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:Wilma.Morris@mail.state.ky.us).

## Notes for Special Friends



### Family Fest at Hearn Elementary School

The annual event to prepare students to return to Hearn, Elkhorn, Bald Knob and Peaks Mill Elementary Schools will be held at Hearn Elementary School on Thursday, July 27 from 4 – 6 p.m.

### School Supplies Project

The Capital City Optimist Club will be conducting its annual School Supplies Project at Wal-Mart on Saturday, August 5 beginning at 9 a.m. Collected supplies are distributed to the family resource centers in both school systems.

**Pipeline**, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinet for Families and Children, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for Pipeline are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Call (502) 564-6180 or send information to Patricia Boler at [Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us)